

Hopkinton Planning Board
Notice of Decision
January 26, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the Hopkinton Planning Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, and made the following decision(s):

I. Public Hearing – Zoning Amendments.

1. Amend Section XV, 15.8.3 Variances by replacing the criteria required to demonstrate an “unnecessary hardship” with the new statutory definition RSA 674:33, I (b), effective January 1, 2010.
2. Amend Section XV, 15.8.3 Variances by omitting language with respect to decisions of the Board of Adjustment being based on evidence presented, rather than allegations contained in the application.
3. Amend Section XVII, Floodplain Development Ordinance by updating the effective date of the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps so that all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its “Flood Insurance Study for the County of Merrimack, NH” dated April 19, 2010, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated April 19, 2010, are declared to be part of the Hopkinton Floodplain Development Ordinance. This amendment is necessary in order for Hopkinton to remain enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Michael Wilkey, seconded by Ed Taylor, moved to recommend the adoption of the amendments as proposed. With four members voting, all four voted in favor (Bradstreet, Wilkey, Taylor and Ellsworth). See attached copy of full-text of amendments.

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